Three die, 14 hurt as seven vehicles collide in fog

By Our Correspondent

SAHIWAL, Dec 31: Three people were killed and 14 sustained serious injuries on Thursday afternoon in a chain collision between seven vehicles on the Sahiwal-Multan section of the GT Road due to poor visibility on account of fog.

Reportedly, a car (GTB-1444) carrying Kasur District Bar vice-president Syed Kausar Sherazi collided with a trailer (LS-7872) parked on the GT Road.

Five vehicles following the car at a narrow margin — a truck (DNB-5173), a passenger wagon (LPT-8612), a passenger bus (LPT-7785), a Toyota pick-up (QAB-3899) carrying poultry birds and a Suzuki Mehran — collided in a chain.

As a result, advocate Sherazi, his gunman Muzammil Hussain, a police constable escorting Mr Sherazi and driver Ali Sher were killed on the spot.

Fourteen passengers who reportedly sustained serious injuries were rushed to the DHQ Hospital, Sahiwal.

They were identified as: Muhammad Alam, Razaq, Shah Din Murid Hussain, Gulzar Khan, Akhtar Ismail, Sanwal, Sajjad Ali and Saleem.

All vehicles were coming to Sahiwal.

In two accidents due to heavy fog, five people were injured. A passenger wagon (LPT-2322), hit a trailer (GLT-4609), leaving . three of its passengers injured.

On the GT Road near Qadirabad, a Sadiqabad-bound bus of New Khan Service collided with a sugar cane trolley. The bus was hit by another company bus from behind. Luckily, none was killed except injuries to two persons.

In Faisalabad, a passenger was killed and 19 others sustained multiple injuries in a road accident on the Faisalabad-Sargodha Road due to fog on Thursday.

The accident took place when a bus bound for Chiniot collided head on with a speeding bus coming from the opposite direction near Pul Dangero. The dead passengers could not be identified.

The injured were rushed to the local Allied Hospital for medical aid where the condition of Nadeem Ahmed, Hameed Akhtar, and Mst Khadija was stated to be serious.